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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIAC)

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

www.cdc.gov/cliac.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the CDC announces the following meeting for the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIAC). This meeting is open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people. The public is also welcome to view the meeting by webcast. Check the CLIAC website on the day of the meeting for the webcast link www.cdc.gov/cliac.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 10, 2019, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., EDT and April 11, 2019, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., EDT.

ADDRESS: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500

Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244 and via webcast at

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

PURPOSE: This Committee is charged with providing scientific and technical advice and quidance to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS); the Assistant Secretary for Health; the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; the Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration (FDA); and the Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The advice and guidance pertain to general issues related to improvement in clinical laboratory quality and laboratory medicine practice and specific questions related to possible revision of the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) standards. Examples include providing quidance on studies designed to improve safety, effectiveness, efficiency, timeliness, equity, and patient-centeredness of laboratory services; revisions to the standards under which clinical laboratories are regulated; the impact of proposed revisions to the standards on medical and laboratory practice; and the modification of the standards and provision of non-regulatory quidelines to accommodate technological advances, such as new test methods, the electronic transmission of laboratory

information, and mechanisms to improve the integration of public health and clinical laboratory practices.

All people attending the CLIAC meeting in-person are required to register for the meeting online at least five business days in advance for U.S. citizens and at least 15 business days in advance for international registrants. Register at www.cdc.gov/cliac. Register by scrolling down and clicking the "Register for this Meeting" button and completing all forms according to the instructions given. Please complete all the required fields before submitting your registration and submit no later than April 2, 2019 for U.S. registrants and March 19, 2019 for international registrants.

It is the policy of CLIAC to accept written public comments and provide a brief period for oral public comments on agenda items. Public comment periods for each agenda item are scheduled immediately prior to the Committee discussion period for that item. In general, each individual or group requesting to make oral comments will be limited to a total time of five minutes (unless otherwise indicated). To assure adequate time is scheduled for public comments, speakers should notify the contact person below at least five business days prior to the meeting date. For individuals or groups unable to attend the meeting, CLIAC accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated). However, it is requested that

comments be submitted at least five business days prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the Committee for their consideration and public distribution.

Written comments, one hard copy with original signature, should be provided to the contact person at the mailing or email address below, and will be included in the meeting's Summary Report.

The CLIAC meeting materials will be made available to the Committee and the public in electronic format (PDF) on the internet instead of by printed copy. Check the CLIAC website on the day of the meeting for materials:

www.cdc.gov/cliac.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The agenda will include agency updates from CDC, CMS, and FDA. Presentations and discussions will focus on an update from the CDC's Office of Infectious Diseases Board of Scientific Counselors meeting and reports from three CLIAC workgroups: the CLIA Personnel Regulations Workgroup, the Nontraditional Testing Workflow Model Workgroup, and the Next Generation Sequencing Workgroup. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

The Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been delegated the authority to sign Federal Register notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and

other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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